

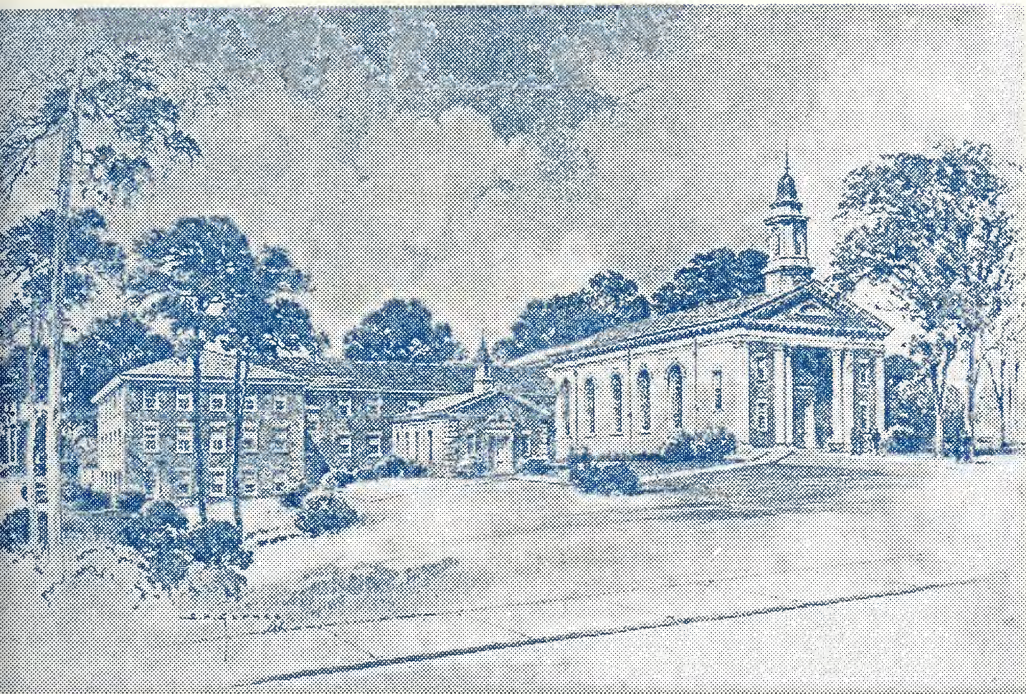
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FIRST REFORMED CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

G. MELVIN PALMER, *Minister*

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2714 West Market Street

GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

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THE
SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY
of the
FIRST EVANGELICAL AND
REFORMED CHURCH
2714 WEST MARKET STREET
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

March 31, 1963

G. MELVIN PALMER, PASTOR



THE REV. G. MELVIN PALMER

Reverend G. Melvin Palmer was born April 15, 1928 in High Point, North Carolina, and soon moved to Lexington where he spent his grade and high school years. In the Fall of 1945, he began his college education at Catawba College and received his A. B. Degree in 1949. His Seminary studies were performed at the Evangelical and Reformed Lancaster Theological Seminary, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he obtained his B. D. Degree on May 21, 1952.

On June 1, 1952, Reverend Palmer was ordained to the Christian Ministry in Second Church, Lexington,

by Dr. A. Odell Leonard and Reverend Richard A. Cheek. He then accepted a call to Beulah Evangelical and Reformed Church, Lexington, and was installed on June 29, 1952. After spending eight years of his ministry at Beulah Church, he received a call to First Evangelical and Reformed Church, Greensboro, and was installed here November 13, 1960.

During his eleven years of ministry, Reverend Palmer has served on many and various Synodical Committees, is in constant demand as a speaker for a goodly number of organizations in Greensboro and surrounding cities and has served and is serving many churches as their revival preacher. His committee work and allied duties currently include:

Chairman, Ministers' Convocation of 1963

Chairman, United Church of Christ

Campus Ministry

Publicity Agent for Southern Synod

Builders' Club, Catawba College Chapel

Advisor of Synodical Churchmen's Fellowship

In 1961 he attended the 12th Meeting of the General Synod, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as a delegate to represent the Southern Synod. As one of the three ministers elected to represent the Southern Synod, he will be a delegate to the General Synod in Denver, Colorado, July, 1963.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks for his generously given service and excellent work rendered in behalf of our congregation. In appreciation of his fine spirit of helpfulness and his numerous efforts, we, the congregation, dedicate this booklet with love and admiration to our pastor, Reverend G. Melvin Palmer.

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THE HISTORY OF OUR CHURCH

The history of the Evangelical and Reformed Church is an interesting one. The Evangelical branch in America dates back to October 15, 1840, when a group of ministers met at Gravois Settlement near St. Louis, Missouri, and organized what was call the Evangelical Union of the West.

The Reformed branch dates back to October 15, 1725. It was at this time that the first Communion was celebrated at a place called Falkner Swamp about forty miles north of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Before that date, however, according to history, there were a few widely scattered congregations in the eastern part of Pennsylvania and on down into Virginia. Ministers were scarce though, and it was a real problem to have regular services at many of these churches. A man named Michael Schlatter came to America as a representative from the Church in Holland in September of 1747 to organize what is now called the Synod. This Synod was subject to the Church in Holland until 1793.

At this time it declared its freedom and reorganized under the name of the Synod of the German Reformed Church.

Both the Evangelical and Reformed Branches have grown, chiefly through the wonderful missionary zeal expressed by the two churches. Old Folks Homes, Orphanages, New Missions and Education institutions were established.

Although the Evangelical and Reformed Churches came to America at different times, their origins were closely related. They came from the same locality, had the same blood coursing through their veins and had very similar beliefs in Theology. It was the logical thing, therefore, for the two churches to unite. This union took place on the 26th day of June, 1934, in Cleveland, Ohio. The Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church of the United States were united and a new denomination was formed, known as the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The first definite steps toward the organization of a Reformed Church in Greensboro, North Carolina, were

taken by the Classis of North Carolina in session in May 1902 in Daniel's Church, Lincoln County. The Classis appointed Reverend J. D. Andrew and Reverend J. C. Leonard to canvass the people here with the view toward organizing a church. They preached alternately every two weeks. Reverend Leonard preached the first sermon on June 15, 1902 from the text: "The King's Business Required Haste." This sermon was preached in the home of Mr. George W. Clapp on Bragg Street. Two weeks later in the same home Reverend Andrew brought his first message to the group from the text: "Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom."

On March 1, 1903, the two ministers effected the organization under the name of First Reformed Church of Greensboro; and this was done within the walls of the Friends Church. D. E. Clapp and John W. Low were elected Elders and John T. Plott and John F. Troxler, Deacons. There were seventeen charter members.

The congregation secured for their first minister a young theological student, Shuford Peeler, who was to

graduate from the seminary in May. He was licensed by the Classis of North Carolina on May 20, 1903. The Board of Missions enrolled the new Greensboro congregation in April 1903 and commissioned Mr. Peeler to begin work on July 1, 1903. Services were held in the Christian Church for three months. A lot at the corner of West Lee and Spring Streets was bought for the sum of \$1,500.00. A brick dwelling on this lot was converted into a small chapel, and the first service was held there in October 1903. A Sunday School of thirty scholars was organized.

The little chapel served its purpose well for a time, but steps were taken toward better accommodations and a new church building. Therefore, in September 1904 the foundation for the new chapel was laid. By the plans that were adopted, this chapel was to be the Sunday School room of the completed church. The first service in the new church was held in April 1905. The cost of the building was \$2,800.00.

The congregation was putting forth valiant efforts to the erection and completion of the auditorium of

the church. This was accomplished before the end of 1906. The entire cost of the property was a little more than \$11,000.00. The plant met the needs of the church for many years. By 1922 the Sunday School had grown to such a degree that more room was needed. The congregation voted to erect a hut to be 28' x 68'. This was thought to be adequate to take care of the overflow in the Sunday School. The hut was erected for the cost of \$1,200.00.

During the pastorate of Reverend W. C. Lyerly a new brick educational building was constructed as an addition to the church. This building was dedicated on November 15, 1931, just twenty-five years after the dedication of the church.

During the pastorate of Reverend H. A. Fesperman, a lot was purchased on Mendenhall Street with the idea of some day erecting a church building there; but at a later date this lot was disposed of when it was deemed unadvisable to either build or retain it. This was during the depression of the thirties.

While Reverend J. L. Levens was pastor, an ex-

tensive redecoration program was instituted and completed, including the purchase of a new pipe organ.

Reverend Hoy L. Fesperman began his work on March 1, 1946. Since his coming, the church has paid off its debt of approximately \$15,000 and bought a parsonage on East Fisher Avenue. Shortly after the church debt was paid off, a Building Fund was established. In 1949, the possibility of relocation was discussed and then in 1951 a beautiful lot of around three acres was purchased on West Market Street at Lindell Road for the sum of approximately \$14,000.00. The membership of the church had now grown to 546 and it was realized that a new and larger building was a matter of necessity. Therefore, on June 17, 1956, at three o'clock in the afternoon, a large crowd gathered on the new lot for an impressive groundbreaking service. It was a wonderful day for all, because on the following morning the actual building of the educational building and chapel was to begin. The work was done in record time. The service for the laying of the cornerstone was held on October 28, 1956 at three

o'clock in the afternoon. Dr. H. A. Fesperman, President of the Southern Synod, brought the message, then articles were placed within the cornerstone of the chapel. The building was completed in less than a year at an approximate cost of \$250,000.00. On February 24, 1957, the first service was held in the new building. Many guests were present for this service, among them being Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Fesperman. On this date another step forward was taken, that being two morning services held each Sunday, one at nine o'clock and one at eleven o'clock, with Sunday School being held at ten o'clock.

The razing of the church building on Lee Street began on February 25, 1957. When the cornerstone was removed, it was found to contain the following articles: A Bible, deposited by Rev. J. Edgar Williams; Heidleberg Catechism, Rev. W. A. Clapp; Church Papers, Rev. H. M. Blair; Roll of Official Members, Rev. Saunders R. Quignard; Roll of Church Members, Rev. C. E. Hodgin; Roll of Sunday School, Rev. R. M. Andrews; Roll Ladies Aid Society, Rev. L. F. Johnson;

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Roll of Christian Endeavor Society, Rev. Ira Erwin;
Local Greensboro paper, The Telegram, Mr. John F.
Troxler.

Our present chapel and Sunday School building were dedicated on June 16, 1957. For the first three years at our new location, Rev. Hoy Lee Fesperman continued to provide the leadership. His untimely death occurred on June 30, 1960, and in the four months that followed, Rev. Phil Stendel, a member of the congregation, occupied the pulpit. There on November 6, 1960, Rev. G. Melvin Palmer preached his first sermon in our church, and on the next Sunday, he was installed as pastor.

The next progressive plan of the congregation was to construct a parsonage and this was begun at an informal groundbreaking in late November, 1960. The building of the house advanced rapidly through the winter with much work by volunteers, accompanied by back yard of little problems, and almost when Spring had sprung, the Palmers pranced into their completely new house to make it a home. This all took place on

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March 23, 1961 and just six weeks later, May 7, 1961, an official open house was held allowing all to view the interior and the interior decorators.

During this same Spring season of 1961, the outdoor Worship Center and Altar, which was an outgrowth of the seed of an idea implanted by a meditation upon the Parable of the Talents at a weekly Prayer Service, was dedicated. The rocks used in the construction were received from our Synod members, congregations of our denomination, and from outstanding religious leaders and laymen throughout the United States and world. This dedication was part of the church's fifty-eighth Anniversary celebrated on March 19, 1961.

And now, another memorable day in the history of our church, we dedicate the parsonage and burn its mortgage. In doing so we celebrate our Founder's Day which marks our Sixtieth Birthday on this March 31, 1963. We must, through reflection, admiration and prayer pay tribute to all those who have given so generously in order that we might mark this day.

Mrs. R. H. W. Jones, Sr.
Dale T. Bennett

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 1963

FIRST SERVICE 9:00 A. M. SECOND SERVICE 11:00 A. M.

*PRELUDE "O Man Bewail Thy Greivous Sin".....Bach
CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
THE SOLEMN DECLARATION, INTROIT, AND THE LORD'S PRAYER
*HYMN 362 "God of Years, Thy Love Hath Led Us"
SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 12
THE GLORIA PATRI
**THE APOSTLES' CREED
THE PASTORAL PRAYER
CHORAL AMEN
*HYMN 299 "Lead On O King Eternal".....Lancashire
JUNIOR SERMON
SOLO "He Was Despised".....Handel
(Mrs. John F. Yeattes, Jr.)
ORGAN INTERLUDE (Prayer Minute)
SERMON "The State, Resurrection, Love, and Giving"
OFFERTORY "Now Sing We, Now Rejoice".....Bach
OFFERTORY RESPONSE
THE BENEDICTION
THE DOXOLOGY
POSTLUDE "God The Father, Be Our Stay".....Bach
*Worshippers may be seated
**Second Service

OUR RECORD LAST SUNDAY

Church School Attendance: 312

Church Worship Attendance: 343

<u>Need Weekly</u>	<u>Budget Requirements 1963</u>	<u>Rec'd Sunday</u>
\$360.50	Current	\$483.67
183.56	Benevolence	238.00
285.00	Building Fund	332.65
Special Collection--World Service		126.95

Ushers First Service

W. T. Henninger (Greeter)

C. E. Hall

K. W. Greenson

W. K. Shaw

Ushers Second Service

Wayne Bullock (Greeter)

Howard Bell

Edward Harris

Bill Goforth

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME, and we hope that you will come back soon and often to worship with us. If you have no church-home and would like to make this one yours, please speak with our pastor about it. We will receive members into the fellowship of our congregation again April 14. While you are here today, please fill out a visitor's card and put it into the offering plate.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIPS will meet this evening in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00. Supper will be served by Mrs. Larry Kirkman and Mrs. Ann Helms. Supper will be followed by programs in both youth groups.

OUR PASTOR will continue leading the discussion on "The Meaning of Suffering" tonight in the Chapel from 7:00 until 8:00. Everyone is invited to attend this very interesting and meaningful study of human suffering in its many forms. The nursery is open by the courtesy of the Senior Fellowship group.

TODAY IS FOUNDERS' DAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION, AND WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 60th ANNIVERSARY. Mr. and Mrs. Dale T. Bennett, Chairmen of the Founders' Day Committee wish to express their appreciation to the many people who have kindly contributed photographs, old records, their time, ideas, interest and enthusiasm to the success of our Founders' Day celebration.

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND the special "Note-Burning Ceremony" which will be held in the parking lot today after the second worship service. At this time the mortgage note of our debt free parsonage will be burned.

CIRCLE NO. 5 will meet this Friday evening, April 5th at the home of Mrs. Ray Thompson, 1823 Willora Drive.

WORKERS' CONFERENCE will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Friendly Couples' Classroom.

THE ACOLYTE TODAY IS BOBBY JONES

OUR EIGHT MINISTERS

1903 - 1915	Reverend Shuford Peeler
1916 - 1918	Reverend A. D. Wolfinger
1918 - 1920	Reverend F. R. Lefever
1921 - 1930	Reverend H. A. Fesperman
1931 - 1937	Reverend W. C. Lyerly
1938 - 1946	Reverend J. L. Levens
1946 - 1960	Reverend Hoy L. Fesperman
1960 -	Reverend G. Melvin Palmer

OUR 17 CHARTER MEMBERS

Thomas G. Lowe	Mrs. John F. Troxler
Mrs. Thomas G. Lowe	Miss Hattie B. Clapp
Miss Callie Lowe	Miss Nancy Clapp
John H. Low	W. A. Greeson
Mrs. John H. Low	E. H. Everhart
D. Ed. Clapp	Mrs. Joseph Clark
Mrs. D. Ed. Clapp	John T. Plott
Miss Mamie Clapp	Mrs. John T. Plott
John F. Troxler	

PROGRESS OF MEMBERSHIP

YEAR	MEMBERS
1940	440
1950	506
1960	529

MEMBERS OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

PRESIDENT OF CONSISTORY	J. W. Meeks
VICE PRES. OF CONSISTORY	Bobby B. Brown
SECRETARY OF CONSISTORY	Mrs. Pearl Fesperman
ASSISTANT SECRETARY	Mrs. C. L. Bentley
TREASURER	J. B. Allred, Sr.
BUILDING FUND TREASURER	Kenneth W. Greeson
FINANCIAL RECORDING SEC.	William L. Pendergraph
SEC. TO THE MINISTER	Mrs. E. O. Overman

TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH

J. B. Allred, Sr., Guy Fentriss, John Starr

THE CHURCH CONSISTORY

<u>ELDERS:</u> George Collier	<u>DEACONS:</u> Mrs. C. L. Bentley
Kenneth W. Greeson	Bobby B. Brown
Ray Thompson	W. L. Buchanan
Jimmy Williams	Phil Stendel
J. B. Allred, Jr.	Dale Bennett
Robert Cook	W. T. Henninger
LeRoy Leftwich	Bill Langley
J. William Meeks	Mrs. Pearl Fesperman

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

MINISTER OF MUSIC AND ORGANIST	Mrs. Robert T. Jackson
ASSISTANT ORGANIST	Mrs. W. S. Brower
DIRECTOR OF CHANCEL CHOIR	Mrs. J. F. Yeattes, Jr.
DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY CHOIR	Mr. Phil Stendel
ACCOMPANIST TO YOUTH CHOIRS	Mrs. Robert Cook

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP ADVISORS

SENIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP	Rev. G. Melvin Palmer
JUNIOR HIGH FELLOWSHIP	Mr. & Mrs. W. A. Lippard, Jr.
	Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Griffin

CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS

NURSERY

Mrs. Lydia Cates

BEGINNERS

Mrs. Dale Bennett, Supt.
Miss Alice Long
Mrs. Vickie Hagood

KINDERGARTEN

Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Whitley, Jr.
Mrs. R. H. W. Jones, Jr.

PRIMARY

Mrs. E. B. Flynt, Supt.
Miss Ruth Elliott
Mrs. Vernon Bell
Mrs. W. L. Buchanan

JUNIOR

Mr. C. C. East, Supt.
Mrs. Frances Johnson
Miss Una Lee Fentriss
Mr. Robert Cook

JUNIOR HIGH

Mr. Charles Earl, Supt.
Mr. Dale Bennett
Dr. Robert Whitener

SENIOR HIGH

Mr. Bob Brown, Supt.
Mr. J. B. Allred, Jr.

AMBASSADOR

Mr. Ernest Overman
Mr. W. L. Pendergraph

FRIENDLY COUPLES

Mr. Philip Stendel

BERTHA WORK

Mrs. William Meeks

LADIES' BIBLE

Mrs. Raymond Keck
Mrs. Hoy Fesperman
Mrs. Sallie Overman

FESPERMAN BIBLE

Mr. W. T. Henninger

Mr. Hal Conoly, Mr. J. R. Williams, Mr. C. W. Holshouser

CHURCH SCHOOL OFFICERS

SUPERINTENDENT	Miss Mozelle Dick
ASSISTANT SUPT.	Mr. Vernon Bell
SECRETARY	Miss Patricia Thompson
TREASURER	Mrs. Joe Shoffner

WOMEN'S GUILD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Mrs. Philip Stendel
V. PRESIDENT	Mrs. James Allred, Jr.
SECRETARY	Mrs. William Meeks
TREASURER	Miss Mozelle Dick

DEPARTMENT CHAIRMEN OF WOMEN'S GUILD

SPIRITUAL LIFE	Mrs. Dale Bennett
CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP	Mrs. Ronald Griffin
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Mrs. Robert Whitener
MISSIONARY EDUCATION	Mrs. Pearl Fesperman
PUBLICITY	Mrs. James Allred, Jr.
SOCIAL ACTION	Mrs. William Langley
PROMOTION	Mrs. Pearl Fesperman & Mrs. C. L. Bentley
THANK OFFERING TREASURER	Mrs. Irene Dunman
BUILDING FUND TREASURER	Mrs. R. G. Troxler
UNITED CHURCH WOMEN REPRESENTATIVES:	Mrs. R. S. Dick Mrs. James Allred, Sr.
SOCIAL CHAIRMAN	Mrs. Raymond Starr

MEN'S BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS

PRESIDENT	Mr. J. Boyd Dick
V. PRESIDENT	Mr. Tom Haithcock
SECRETARY	Mr. W. L. Pendergraph
ASSISTANT SEC.	Mr. Jimmy Harrell
TREASURER	Mr. Raymond Keck
ASSISTANT TREAS.	Mr. Bill Goforth

Dear Friends:

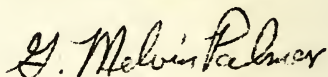
The note burning ceremony and the dedication of a debt free parsonage is another milestone in the history of our congregation.

This is not the first parsonage which has been built by the people of First Church and will not be the last. Time and circumstances change everything. But this one is our latest, and all of us are proud of it. The fact that we removed its indebtedness in less than twenty months while meeting all of our other responsibilities, paving Lindell Road and curbing our parking lot speaks for itself. God has been good to us.

To all of those people in the past and the present who made contributions to this project so that it could be paid off eight years and four months ahead of schedule, we say thank you.

We now turn our attention to removing the indebtedness from our education building and chapel. May God richly bless us as we attend to our material and spiritual responsibilities in His kingdom.

Your pastor,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "G. Melvin Palmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "G" and "P".

G. Melvin Palmer

THE HISTORY OF THE PARSONAGE

During the pastorate of Reverend Hoy L. Fesperman, plans were made and completed for the purchase of a plot of land on West Market Street at Lindell Road. On this plot of land, our Chapel and Educational Building were constructed. Between the time of its conception and completion, however, Mrs. Wilma Fesperman died. For approximately a year, his daughter and family lived with him, but with a new member in the family, they felt that they should seek larger quarters, so this left Reverend Fesperman alone. When after some time had elapsed, he married Mrs. Pearl Seawell and moved into her home to live. For various reasons, the congregation felt that the vacant parsonage should be sold; and in due time it was sold. This left the congregation without a parsonage.

Then the untimely death of Reverend Fesperman in July, 1960, brought this fact forcibly home to everyone. The congregation secured Reverend G. Melvin Palmer for a pastor, and he moved with his family into a rented house on Collier Drive in November, 1960. A search was made by a committee for some suitable home to buy for a parsonage; however after much debate, it was decided by the congregation to build on the same site as the Chapel and Educational Building. At this time, it was discovered that the deed held by the church did not fit the subdivision recorded in the Register of Deeds office. There was a discrepancy of forty-one feet on Lindell Road (then unpaved). This unaccounted for discrep-

ency was the reason given by the architect for not showing a complete map of the church property. A check was made in the records at the Court House, and it was determined that the land in question was owned by the Winston-Salem Hudson Company. The sole owners of this company were located through the courtesy of Lawrence T. Hoyle, a local attorney, and their names are Palmer Pickard and N. E. Greene.

Mr. Hoyle agreed to discuss this property with Messrs. Pickard and Greene to determine if anything could be done. A correct survey was necessary before he could negotiate; therefore, Mr. R. D. Stout of Southern Mapping and Engineering agreed to make the survey. When his map and legal description were placed in the hands of Mr. Hoyle, he talked with Messrs. Pickard and Greene. These two men decided to donate the land to the church and after a few details were worked out, a deed was presented on December 6, 1960 to the church. The gratitude of the church goes out to Mr. Hoyle, Mr. Pickard, Mr. Greene and others who worked to get this done.

Now there is a lovely brick dwelling facing the park on Lindell Road occupying part of this newly acquired land.

Compiled and written
By John F. Yeattes, Jr.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY, 1933

J. R. Greeson, Treasurer

Balance in Treasury, January 1st, 1933	\$109.98
Cash received for month-----	204.20
GRAND TOTAL-----	\$314.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Tax on checks -----	\$.10
Postage-----	12.10
Rev. W. C. Lyerly-----	200.00
John Dyson-----	12.50
Duplex Envelope Company-----	30.00
Mrs. W. S. Brower-----	10.00
City of Greensboro, Water-----	2.25

Total Paid Out For January-----	\$266.95
BALANCE IN TREASURY January 31, 1933-----	\$ 47.23

The following is a note out of Mr. J. B. Allred, Sr.'s personal record book: November 5, 1960;

"Started clearing woods to build new parsonage today. The following names gave first day's work toward this project:"

J. B. Allred, Sr.
Bill Meeks
Danny Shoffner
Alvin Johnson
Philip Jones
W. S. Brower
Carl Welker
O. B. Radford
John Starr

R. P. Cook
Johnny Meeks
Jimmy Shoffner
Bob Jones
Jimmie Williams
T. M. Starr
John Yeattes
Kenneth Greeson

Mr. W. C. Holtz was the first contributor of the Parsonage Fund on October 1, 1960.

PROGRAM FOR DEDICATION AND
BURNING OF MORTGAGE
OF PARSONAGE

LEADER: As a dwelling for the pastor and his family, who will serve God in this pastorate,

PEOPLE: We dedicate this house.

LEADER: As a place of fellowship, family love and Christian hospitality,

PEOPLE: We dedicate the living room.

LEADER: As a place to remind us of the need of spiritual food and of our dependence upon God for our daily needs,

PEOPLE: We dedicate the kitchen.

LEADER: As a place of rest and recuperation,

PEOPLE: We dedicate the bedrooms.

LEADER: As a place of recreation, stimulation of the mind, and relaxation,

PEOPLE: We dedicate the family room.

LEADER: As a place of beauty for the growing things of nature and happy outdoor living,

PEOPLE: We dedicate the porch and yard.

LEADER: As a symbol of our belief in the Christian home and to the glory of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

DEDICATION OF PARSONAGE
(Continued)

PEOPLE: We dedicate this house.

LEADER: Having thus dedicated this house, and being graciously aided by the hand of God in freeing our church from its burden of debt on this house,

PEOPLE: We now with joy proceed to transform this cancelled mortgage, the symbol of a completed task, into the incense of praise and prayer.

LEADER: In the spirit of gratitude unto Almighty God, for that faith, courage, and loyalty which has brought us unto this day;

PEOPLE: We burn this mortgage.

LEADER: In deep appreciation of the sacrificial giving and consecrated efforts of members and friends who have helped in our tasks;

PEOPLE: We burn this mortgage.

LEADER: In token and pledge that these sacrifices shall not have been in vain,

PEOPLE: We burn this mortgage.

LEADER: We now give to the flames the mortgage on this parsonage.

POEM OF DEDICATION

Walk through the rooms of this house, dear Lord,
Making them fair and sweet;
May every wall know the touch of Thy hand,
Each floor the print of Thy feet.

Help us to look through Thine eyes, dear Lord,
To stand at our windows and see
Not common place people who walk the streets
But souls who have need of Thee.

Kindle a fire on our hearth, dear Lord,
Warming all who may come.
Build Thou an altar where prayer shall arise,
For prayer is the heart of the home.

Sit at our table with us, dear Lord,
Making each meal a feast,
Breaking the bread and pouring the wine,
Our Host and our Guest and our Priest.

Dwell in the rooms of our house, dear Lord,
Making them sweet and fair,
Till even the people passing will say,
"The blessed Lord Jesus lives there!"

(Poem by Martha Snell Nicholson)

THE BURNING OF THE MORTGAGE NOTE OF THE PARSONAGE

The note is being held by the Trustees whose
names appear on the mortgage:

Mr. Guy Fentriss

Mr. Otis Welker

Mr. C. W. Holshouser

Mr. John Starr, Chairman of the Building Committee will light the fire.

DEDICATORY PRAYER

Offered by the Reverend Mr. Palmer

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This space has been reserved to extend to Mr. and Mrs. Dale T. Bennett the sincere thanks of the Congregation of The First Evangelical and Reformed Church of Greensboro, North Carolina, who have donated many hours as Chairmen of Founders' Day, "Note-Burning Ceremony" and our Sixtieth Anniversary Booklet. You have done a commendable job and we are grateful.

MEMBERS OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

President of Consistory	J. W. Meeks
Vice-President of Consistory	Bobby B. Brown
Secretary of Consistory	Mrs. Hoy Fesperman
Assistant Secretary	Mrs. C. L. Bentley
Treasurer	J. B. Allred, Sr.
Building Fund Treasurer	Kenneth W. Greeson
Financial Recording Secretary	William L. Pendergraph
Secretary to the Minister	Mrs. E. O. Overman

TRUSTEES OF THE CHURCH

J. B. Allred, Sr., Guy Fentriss, John Starr

THE CHURCH CONSISTORY

Elders	Term Expires in:	Deacons	Term Expires in:
George Collier	'63	Mrs. C. L. Bentley	'63
Kenneth W. Greeson	'63	Bobby B. Brown	'63
Ray Thompson	'63	W. L. Buchanan	'63
Jimmy Williams	'63	Phil Stendel	'63
J. B. Allred, Jr.	'64	Dale Bennett	'64
Robert Cook	'64	W. T. Henninger	'64
LeRoy Leftwich	'64	Bill Langley	'64
J. William Meeks	'64	Mrs. Hoy Fesperman	'64

CHURCH OFFICE

Hours for CHURCH SECRETARY—9:00 A. M. to 12:00 Noon

Telephone: 299-8663

Pastor's Study—8:45-11:30 A. M.

Telephone: 299-7831

Church Custodian, Napoleon Cobb, Home Telephone: 273-5954

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Minister of Music and Organist	Mrs. Robert T. Jackson
Assistant Organist	Mrs. W. S. Brower
Directors of Youth Choirs	Mrs. John F. Yeattes, Jr. Mr. Phil Stendel
Accompanist to Youth Choirs	Mrs. Robert Cook

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Miss Mozelle Dick

SUNDAY SERVICES

9:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
10:00 A.M.	Sunday Church School—Classes for All Ages
11:00 A.M.	Morning Worship
6:00 P.M.	Youth Fellowship, Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Ages

MEETINGS

Senior Consistory — Monday after first Sunday	7:30 P.M.
Junior Consistory — Tuesday after 2nd Sunday	7:30 P.M.
Workers' Conference — Monday after last Sunday in month	7:30 P.M.
Youth Choir Rehearsals — Sanctuary Choir — Sunday	5:00 P.M.
Chancel Choir — Tuesday	3:30 P.M.
Cathedral Choir — Wednesday	7:30 P.M.
Men's Brotherhood — Monday after 3rd Sunday	7:00 P.M.
Women's Guild — 3rd Tuesday Quarterly	7:30 P.M.
Circle Meetings — 1st week after 1st Sunday	To be scheduled
Ladies' Bible Class — Monday after 2nd Sunday	7:30 P.M.
Bertha Work Class — Monday after 2nd Sunday	7:30 P.M.
Fesperman Bible Class	To be scheduled
Ambassador Class — Monday after 2nd Sunday	7:30 P.M.
Friendly Couples Class — 3rd Friday every month	7:30 P.M.
Boy Scout Troop No. 243 — Thursday	7:30 P.M.
Board of Christian Education — 4th Thursday	7:30 P.M.
Bible Study — Wednesday	7:30 P.M.